



## EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### MINUTES

Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 4:00 P.M.

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

425 Jermyn Avenue

**MEMBERS PRESENT**      **Barb Sheppard, Chair**  
**Shelley Clarke, Trustee**  
**Bruce Johnson, Trustee**  
**Ginny Manning, Trustee**  
**Julie Planiden, Trustee**  
**Linda Van Alphen, Trustee**

**ALSO PRESENT**        **Wendy Hyer, Superintendent of Schools**  
**Todd Manuel, Assistant Superintendent**  
**Kevin Lorenz, Secretary-Treasurer**  
**Susan Thomson, Director of Instruction**  
**Caroline Ryan, Executive Assistant**

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair Sheppard called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION:      Duly moved and seconded.  
                    That the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED**

**3. Presentations**

**3.1 International Baccalaureate - Middle Years Programme**

Jeff Fitton, IB Coordinator for Parent and Student Education provided an overview of the work that has been done this year around the Middle Years Programme with a slide show and videos. Roger Wiebe, Principal and Christy Bevington, teacher, also helped explain how the IB Programme has given staff a common goal, common language and a framework for good teaching. It is making their staff passionate, energized and empowered. It appears to have lowered transfer requests from Princess Margaret Secondary to different high schools in the District.

**3.2 Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI)**

Todd Manuel, Assistant Superintendent provided an overview of the District's first year of participation in the MDI with Grades 4 and 7 students. Approximately half of the Districts in B.C. are participating with 15,000 students

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taking part giving them a voice. The amount of data collected is not important; it is more important to know why the data is being collected and how it is guiding practices. It has already been used to select the three schools in our District that will benefit most from a MCFD after school sports and arts grant. It is not mandated by the District for schools to take part, but after this successful first year, Assistant Superintendent Manuel predicts all schools in our District will through choice.

#### **4. Information Items**

##### **4.1 School Community Mental Health Conference**

Wendy Hyer, Superintendent and Susan Thomson, Director of Instruction – Student Services provided information on the School Community Mental Health Conference they attended on May 10 and 11, hosted by the Ministry of Education. The purpose of the conference was to build the capacity of regional school-community teams to support mental health through a comprehensive approach emphasizing prevention and early intervention. One child – one file for all community groups was discussed, all community services together, sharing information.

##### **4.2 Penticton Secondary School Scholarship and Bursary Award Recipients**

Wendy Hyer, Superintendent provided information on The Penticton Secondary Schools Bursary and Scholarship Foundation that work diligently to match awards with recipients. There were 219 Scholarship / Bursary Awards given out this year, totaling \$293,223. Each recipient would have received a minimum of \$1,000.00.

#### **5. Action Items**

##### **5.1 General**

##### **5.2 Policy**

#### **6. Upcoming Policies**

- Policy No. 230 – School Response for Critical Incidents
- Policy No. 240 – Parent Advisory Councils
- Policy No. 300 – Student Registration
- Policy No. 440 – Locally Developed Courses

#### **7. Question Period**

No questions were asked but Ginny Manning wanted to inform the Education Committee that West Bench Elementary School had been chosen by Indigo to receive 1,500 new books.

#### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M.